

BUYING OF TITLES SCANDAL IN ENGLAND

Investigation of Charges
Made in Commons of Bar-
tering for Honors.

Will Recommend Radical Change in Methods of Bestowal and Selection.

FAVOR CLOSE INQUIRIES

**Pension by Privy Counsellors
Suggested After Premier
Has Approved.**

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A strong sentiment for making any attempt to obtain a royal honor for a purely financial consideration an indictable offense prevails among the members of the Commission on Honors investigating the charges made in the House of Commons that the titles of England were being bartered for. The commission, which has been sitting several weeks, has heard from Premier Bonar Law, David Lloyd George, Herbert Asquith and the Earl of Balfour regarding the merit behind the honors bestowed, and it is predicted that there will be drastic

changes in what has hitherto been accepted as the privileges of the governing party.

The recommendations are expected to be sweeping. The commission is said to be united in condemning the system under which it is charged the Government distributes titles for considerations which bolster up the party's funds. The investigation followed the Lloyd Georgean awards several months ago and the criticism in the House of Commons caused one of the first-time honorees to resign and several lesser lights to wish they had never aspired to such distinction.

Lord Dunseda is chairman of the commission's proposals, which are subject to amendment and moderation, are now said to embody the following:

1. The establishment of a committee of private citizens to examine the lists before they are submitted to the King with certain powers, in conjunction with the Prime Minister, of elimination.
2. Any attempt to obtain an honor for purely financial consideration should be made an indictable offense.
3. The lists of honors should be less of a party character and should contain generally a fair leavening of purely non-party awards.

Recommendations toward institutions or party funds should not be a disqualification for an honor, but must always be accompanied by some notable public service for which primarily the

The method of submitting the lists for honors and their revision by the Prime Minister, whose judgment is final, is criticized as opening the way for abuse. For one man, it is considered, cannot be expected to make a proper selection of the grant of honors free from reproach.

It is proposed to have a committee of privy counsellors inquire thoroughly and tactfully into the antecedents of any candidate for honors whose name is not beyond reproach and to eliminate the name if such a course is justified before the list goes to the King. THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent is informed that the commission was impressed by the results of the inquiries and negotiations with persons who desired to have no part in the honors.

The commission hopes to have no

foundation in the future for the charge that royal honors can be gained in England if paid for and is not concealing the fact that in the past this was perhaps true. The commission hopes to make the honors in the future real honors without the suspicion that party politics made them possible.

**STUDY HAIR CHANGES
OF BURIED PERSONS**

Scientists Seek Cause of White Locks Turning Auburn.

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French scientists are studying the effect of interment upon a dead person's hair. Since it was reported that in recent exhumations of aged persons the white locks had turned auburn or blond, science is attempting to find an explanation.

Indirect hairdressers are interested, anticipating the possible discovery of a lotion that will permanently dye the hair when it starts to grow white.

**WOMAN WHO STARTED
FLYING AT 100 DIES**

**Made 13 Flights Before She
Dies in Bed, Aged 103.**

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Mrs. Ann Sissons of Manchester, who developed a mania for flying after she turned 100, died at the age of 103 and was buried with great honors this week.

On the day following her centenary that she told friends that she had lived beyond her span and that there was only one thing she wanted to do in the next 100 years—she wanted to fly in an airplane. A kindly pilot offered her a flight, which she enjoyed so much that she went again and again until she had had thirteen flights with almost as many hours in the air.

She always said when she started out on a flight that she could crash with the greatest happiness and would never regret the flight if it was the last of her life. She had become known as the flying centenarian. She voted in the recent elections.